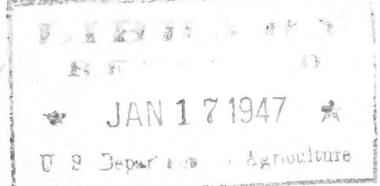


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GUARANTEED GLADS  
O. E. Spencer  
1947

Dear Friends,

Elburn, Illinois

I am offering again an opportunity to share in my hobby. I have grown and hybridized Glads for 20 years and the last five or six years I have experimented with fragrance in glads. I have gone far enough to convince myself that fragrance in glads, comparable to other flowers, is possible. I expect to make this a major feature of my hybridizing this year. Besides my own introductions of previous years, I am offering what I believe to be the largest list of fragrant glads in commerce. These are the forerunners of a new race of fragrant glads. I commend them especially to hybridizers. My stock on all of these is small, so order early. Last year I had to return money on several late orders. I have tried to be honest and modest in my descriptive use of adjectives, however, my one business rule remains the same, and protects you from any misrepresentation: "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

JUNE SCARLET

An extra early commercial in the scarlet class. (Fischers chart places it as orange red with dark red tongue) June Scarlet makes 5" florets, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color, on a 50" always straight spike. June Scarlet has sold out early the last two years, and stock is still small. It makes clean red bulbs, and is an average propagator. This will be in demand for cut flowers when sufficient stock is available because of its extreme earliness.

PRICE. L. \$.75 M. \$.50

SIS

A midseason creamy pink shading lighter in the throat. Sis opens 6-8 in a formal double row placement, 6 in color, 4½" florets on a 50" sturdy stem. SIS makes a vigorous plant with broad leaves and produces good spikes under adverse growing conditions. If you are one of those who think PINK RIBBON is too small, try SIS. "SIS" is the family name for our daughter.

PRICE. L. \$.75 M. \$.50 S. \$.35

ORANGOLD

Fischers chart places Orangold as a lighter orange yellow. Several cut flower growers are using it as a commercial yellow. ORANGOLD blooms in midseason, is a tall strong grower, with broad healthy foliage, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color, and 21 bud spike. Florets are round, wide open lightly ruffled, 5"-5½". It is an easy propagator. If you are looking for a big cut flower yellow try ORANGOLD.

PRICE. L. \$.25 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.20

#### DEPENDABLE

An early midseason cool shade of lavender, with a darker lavender tongue in the throat. Tall, always straight, slender spike, with 6 open, 6 in color,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " lightly ruffled florets. Dependable makes cuttable spikes under adverse growing conditions, thus its name. It makes large bulblets, in fair quantity, that germinate easily.

PRICE. L. \$.35 M. \$.20 S. \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.30

#### HON

Midseason, apricot pink with a blending peach throat. This is not a blotched variety, but the added color in the throat lights up the whole flower. Hon opens 6-8, 6 in color, on a 21 bud spike. 5" lightly ruffled florets of good substance. Hon has a V. C. and other good reports. Hon is my pet name for my wife.

PRICE. L. \$.20 M. 2 for \$.25 S. 2 for \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.20

#### PINK VELVET.

A midseason pure pink, shading to almost white in the throat. Pink Velvet has heavy substance and a velvety sheen that suggested its name. Well ruffled, 5" florets, 5-7 open, 4-6 in color, with formal placement on a straight medium height stem. PINK VELVET won the N.E.G.S. seedling trophy at Maine in 1942. It is a real beauty.

PRICE----Same as for HON

#### PINK RIBBON

My first introduction and still my best seller. I have sold out early on Pink Ribbon for the last three years. It has become so well known as a show winner that it needs little describing here. It is a first early, small decorative, light pink with cream throat, 6 open, 6 in color. It has the most perfect stem I have ever seen in a gladiolus, tall, straight, and willowy. PINK RIBBON has 2 V.C's, an A. M. and a long string of blue ribbons.

PRICE. L. \$.20 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts. 100 for \$1.50

#### YELLOW RIBBON

A midseason, small decorative, light yellow, 8-10 open with formal placement, on a straight medium height stem. Yellow Ribbon is fine for table decorations where size is not desired. It makes well balanced little spikes from 5's and 6's that look like daffodils in a bouquet. If you like the little ones be sure to try this. Yellow Ribbon is an easy propagator.

Price. L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. 2 for \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.15

### PURPLE PEP

An early, healthy growing, vigorous commercial purple. PURPLE PEP makes tall straight stems, 5-6 open,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " well ruffled florets of good substance and the color does not "Wash" or fade as so many purples do. It only makes 13-15 buds but cuts a well balanced spike. It makes large bulbils that germinate easily.

PRICE. L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. 2 for \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.15

WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS  
think of  
O. E. SPENCER

### PERFUME

Perfume is the most fragrant glad I have smelled to date. It is a double cross Mibloom seedling. It is an early creamy white with a rose dart in the throat,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " ruffled florets, 4-6 open. This is a good hybridizer and propagates easily.

PRICE L. \$.25 M. \$.20 S. \$.15

### SUMMER FRAGRANCE

A midseason small decorative, dark rose pink. It makes tall straight spikes with 4-6 well ruffled florets open. I do not know the parentage of Summer Fragrance, but it is an easy propagator and good hybridizer.

PRICE L. \$.25 M. \$.20

### ROSE GEM

A medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " nicely ruffled and with a waxy sheen. This is the best Incense seedling I have seen. Light fragrance and a good propagator.

PRICE Bulbs 1" and up \$.25

### F275-41

This is a half sister to Rose Gem. A seedling of New Era X (Incense x Sweetheart.) A medium decorative pink with a large light throat. The ruffled florets are lightly fragrant. This blooms from small bulbs and is a runaway propagator. This should be valuable as a hybridizer because it carries two fragrant strains.

PRICE- number 4's and 5's at \$.25

### 338- 5 F

A ruffled clear yellow, small decorative, Incense seedling. Good substance and a sweet fragrance, 4-5 open on a tall spike. My stock of this is still small.

PRICE. Bulbs one inch and up \$.50

42 X-J 20

A large light pink with fair fragrance. This is a cross of Mibloom and Hon. It builds a large loose spike but because of its breeding it should be useful in hybridizing.

PRICE Bulbs one inch and up \$.25

38-4 F

A deep pink with a good fragrance, round florets, wide open a good spike. This is from a Mibloom seedling X Incense. This is a good breeder, giving good ruffling and fragrance to its seedlings.

PRICE. Bulbs one inch and up \$.50

FRILLED FRAGRANCE

This is a white sport of New Era and identical to it except in color. New Era has proven a good parent in many crosses and has given some good fragrant seedlings. The color of Frilled Fragrance should give it added value as a hybridizer.

PRICE L. \$2.00 M. \$.1.50 S. \$1.00 (no discount)

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE

Beautifully ruffled light yellow, opens 5,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets of good substance, on a medium tall spike, 16 buds, 4-5 in color. Golden Fragrance has a very sweet and pleasant fragrance. It is a seedling of Picardy and Mibloom, a worthy addition to the fragrant class.

PRICE. L. \$5.00 M. \$4.00 S. \$3.00 Blts. \$.50 (no discount)

DIADEM

A medium deep rose with a cream throat. 5" florets, 6-8 open, 16-18 buds on a 48" spike. The fragrance is sweet and persistent lasting several days after the spike is cut. It is a good propagator and gives and takes pollen well. This is a New Era seedling.

PRICE. Sizes 1-2-3 \$10.00 4-5 \$8.00 (no discount)

TERMS OF SALE

ALL orders are prepaid any where in the U. S. A. The usual extras depending on the size of the order. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of 1. 5 bulbs at the 10 rate.

Orders up to \$5.00 net; \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10% discount; \$10.00 to \$20.00 15% discount. I do not issue a wholesale list but if you are interested in planting stocks of any of the above I will be glad to quote prices. The stock on most of these is still small.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with D.D.T at cleaning time and will be dusted again at shipping time.

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